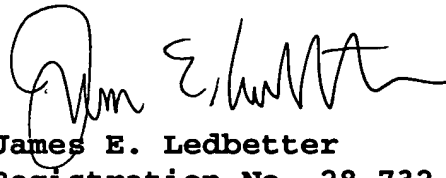


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-44 in favor of new claims 45-80.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Ledbetter", is written over the typed name.

James E. Ledbetter  
Registration No. 28,732

Date: May 4, 2006

JEL/spp

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. L7725.06108

STEVENS, DAVIS, MILLER & MOSHER, L.L.P.  
Suite 850  
1615 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
Telephone: (202) 785-0100  
Facsimile: (202) 408-5200